

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The Space Invaders by Geoffrey Matthews

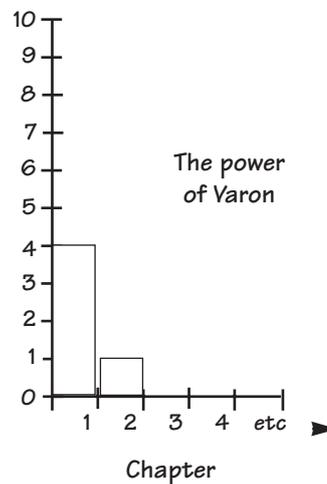
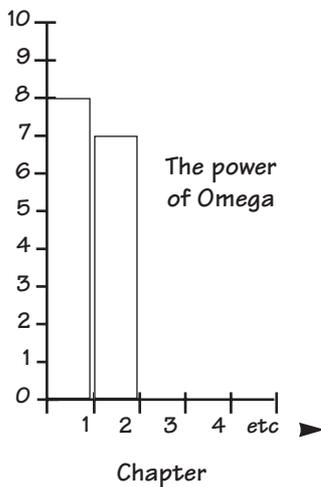
A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the picture on the cover. Guess what kind of book this is:
 - (a) a thriller?
 - (b) a horror story?
 - (c) a western?
 - (d) a science-fiction story?
 - (e) a fairy tale?
 - (f) an adventure story?
- 2 Now read the back cover. Is your answer to Question 1 correct?
- 3 Have you read any books or seen any films of this kind? What are their names?

B While Reading

- 4 Who is the most powerful character?

In this book the four characters all want to win. They want to do better than the other characters. Make a graph like these ones for each character, to show who is winning at the end of each chapter. Give each character marks out of ten.



- 5 Make a dictionary of special words.

This story is set in the year 3984. There are some special words which you will find in the story:

laser gun
teleport
sonic key

robot
hyper-flight
injection gun

When you find these special words, guess what they mean. Write the meanings in your dictionary – use the story to help you. Make your meaning as interesting as possible. You can draw pictures too. (Read the Glossary on page 60 of the book after you have written your meaning for a word.)

C After Reading

- 6 Design a new cover for this book. Write a paragraph explaining all about your design.
- 7 In Chapter 8 Omega says, '*It will take five hours to recharge the power banks. Then we can return to Zeron.*' The four characters do a lot of things and make a lot of plans in the first two and a half hours of this time.
What do they do?
Varon: (a) First half hour:
 (b) Second half hour:
 (c) Third half hour:
 (d) The next hour:
Now write what Garth, Miranda and Omega do.
- 8 What do you think about robots? Here are some questions: What kind of jobs do robots do **today**? What do you think robots will do in the future? Do you think it is good or bad to have **robots**? Are robots dangerous? Do you think there will ever be a robot like Omega?
- 9 Design an advertisement to sell:
OMEGA – THE BEST ROBOT IN THE UNIVERSE
Find information from the book to put into your advert.
- 10 Write the next chapter of *The Space Invaders* – Chapter 13.